



PATENT APPLICATION

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APPLICANTS: Schaefer

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July 25, 2003

Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(a) Unavoidable Delay

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

37 CFR 1.137 (a)(1) A copy of the required reply is attached.

37 CFR 1.137 (a)(2) A petition fee in the amount of \$55.00,
required by 1.17(l), is enclosed

CFR 1.137 (a)(3) Facts that delay was unavoidable.

1. I, Frederick Schaefer, received a notice of abandonment dated
May 2, 2003.

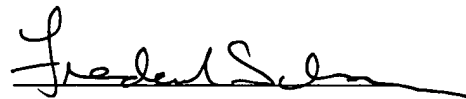
2. I, Frederick Schaefer, never received the office action dated
August, 15, 2002. As a result, I did not know that a response was due.

3. I, Frederick Schaefer, am a pro se applicant and therefor required some explanation and help from a patent attorney on how to proceed after receiving the Notice of Abandonment. In addition, my job requires me to travel and therefor it took some time to get together with a patent attorney. This is the reason for the delay since the Notice of Abandonment.

I respectfully request that the petition be granted and the ruling of abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

By



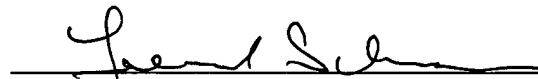
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I hereby certify that a Petition is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

7/30/03
Date


Signature